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Our Docket: P-LA 1245

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
Border and Ruoslahti )  
Serial No.: 08/349,479 )  
Filed: December 2, 1994 )  
For: INHIBITING TRANSFORMING )  
GROWTH FACTOR  $\beta$  TO )  
PREVENT ACCUMULATION OF )  
EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX )

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February,  
25, 1999, please consider the following amendment and  
remarks.

In The Claims

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

21. (Four Times Amended) A method of decreasing  
the deleterious accumulation of extracellular matrix  
associated with a pathology or a condition [characterized by  
the] wherein TGF- $\beta$ -induced production and deleterious  
accumulation of extracellular matrix in a tissue exists  
comprising:

contacting the tissue with an anti-TGF- $\beta$  antibody  
that binds to TGF- $\beta$ ;